

Cuba.
 All eyes are turned to the extensive, productive, and lovely Island of Cuba. We have employed the word extensive, it is not misapplied. It is about seven hundred miles in length, and for some time after its discovery it was believed to be a Continent. Its productions are Coffee, Sugar, Tobacco, and all the tropical fruits. To give some idea of the value of the immense agricultural products of Cuba, and the extent of its commerce, we will state, what is said to be a reliable fact, that the receipts of money from duties on imports and exports, in the Island, amounts to a sum adequate to the support of the civil and military governments of the "Queen of the Antilles," and the remittance to the government of her "most Christian Majesty"—Old Spain, of a sum, per annum, ranging from six to ten millions of dollars.

Should this superb and fertile Island become the property of the United States, the emigration from the States to it would be immense. Thousands and tens of thousands of the Anglo-Saxon race, men of industry, enterprise, agricultural, mercantile, and mechanical skill, would settle in this favored and charming Island, and before many years elapsed the productions and wealth would be quadrupled.

The acquisition of Cuba by the United States, peaceably and honorably, it would seem to us, is a great desideratum. With the strife between the two great parties, (if indeed there should be any contention on the subject,) we shall have nothing to say. Our little shed will not enter into the political arena, but upon a great measure, such as is contemplated in the annexation of the magnificent isle, situated so near to the Continent, to the United States, we feel that it is our right and our duty to express our independent opinion—*independent* of all parties—influenced by none.

It is said by the knowing ones, that the Head of the Census Bureau is working his cards to retain office after the fourth of March next. Sometime since viewing his bureau in the light of a galvanic battery, and his clerks as so many frogs upon which he might experiment with impunity, he reduced the salaries of about twenty—some of the best clerks in the office—from \$1,000 to \$800; and more recently gave circulation to a report that on or soon after the first of the month, some twenty or twenty-five of the clerks would have to be dismissed, to make way for as many more to be appointed at the instance of Democratic members of Congress, whose influence was desired for further appropriations. We have heard of several who have been promised places.

MARBLE vs BRICKS.—It is said that when the extensive steam marble finishing establishment, now being erected on the canal, is completed, that marble fronts can be put up as cheap as bricks. Thus we go.

A fair is now being held in Potomac Hall, corner of Maryland Avenue and Eleventh Street, Island, by the ladies of Dr. Holmead's church. Quite an interesting resort for ladies and gentlemen.

Many of our citizens are anxious to hear what has become of the New York Art Union and the five dollar bills they have paid for chances. If it be a swindle, why not own up, that the ticket-holders may know that they have been swindled.

We learn that the Ferry at the chain bridge above Georgetown is now in good travelling order, after a delay of three or four days.

We would call the attention of our Democratic friends, who wish to take a cheap paper out of the city, to the prospectus of the *Pennsylvanian*, in another column.

Our government lands cost one dollar an acre, on an average, and champagne two dollars a bottle. How many a man dies in the poor house who during his lifetime has drank a fertile township, trees and all!

A GOOD PLEDGE.—A friend hands us the following, which he says was picked up from a file of old papers:

Notice to all is hereby given, That one whom appetite has driven In former times, to strange excesses, His change of purpose thus expresses: Resolved, therefore, in time to come, To drink no brandy, gin, or rum, Whiskey, or cider, wine, or beer; But keep my head and stomach clear, From those intoxicating bitters, That formerly we drank as litters; Being convinced that since the flood To man, they do more harm than good Dated at Rockton, and the time, Is March fifteenth, 'forty-nine, This I heretofore will maintain, Witnes my hand ALEXIS CRANE.

CONGRESS.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30.
Senate.
 A communication was laid before the Senate from the Committee of Arrangements, inviting, through their Chairman, the Senate to be present at the ceremony of the inauguration of the Jackson Statuary Monument.

A communication was also received from the President of the United States, giving the information asked for respecting the military asylum in the District of Columbia.

Memorials and Petitions.
 Mr. DAVIS presented a petition from seamen and others, asking that the law requiring them to pay a certain amount per month for the support of sick and disabled seamen in marine hospitals be rescinded.

In connection with this memorial, Mr. D. submitted a resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury to inform the Senate the amounts paid by seamen and the appropriations made by Congress since the passage of the act relating to marine hospitals.

Mr. CASS called up his resolution calling upon the President for information, if there was any in the Department of State, respecting the formation of a British colony in Central America: passed without opposition.

The following bills were then taken up considered and passed.

House Bill: An act making further appropriations for the construction of roads in Minnesota:

House Bill: An act to amend an act entitled "An act to establish the Territorial government of Oregon," approved August 14, 1848.

Bill for the relief of Washington Morehead.

Joint resolution for the relief of the heir of John de Neufville & Son.

Bill for the relief of Charles Cooper & Company.

On motion of Mr. WADSWORTH the House bill for the relief of Charles S. Matthews, Charles Wood, and James Hall, was taken up, discussed and postponed.

At a quarter past two the Senate on motion went into executive session, and after a short time spent therein adjourned.

House of Representatives.
 The SPEAKER said there was not a quorum of members present.

Mr. DEAN accordingly moved that there be a call of the House; upon which motion the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. DUNCAN said that the Hon. EDWARD P. LITTLE, representative elect of the State of Massachusetts, in place of the Hon. Orin Fowler, deceased, was present, and he thereupon appeared and was duly qualified.

The vote upon the call being then taken a quorum was found to be present, and further proceedings in relation to it were suspended.

The SPEAKER laid before the House several executive communications.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution prescribing the manner in which committees shall make reports.

A motion to lay the resolution upon the table was negatived, and then the resolution was rejected.

Mr. DOTY moved the appointment of a committee to inquire into the spurious banking in the District of Columbia.

Mr. FICKLIN said the matter had already been inquired into, and he had a bill prepared in relation to the subject, and was waiting for an opportunity to introduce it.

The proposition of Mr. DOTY was not entertained, and thereupon

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Oh, how kind is Providence to us erring mortals; weather mild, and small quantity of wood needed for fuel.

Why does not Congress repair or rebuild the bridge over the Potomac? What is the use of quarrelling about the location? Does not every one know that the present site is the only practicable one.

A SMASH.—The eight o'clock train of cars last night ran into the car office on the wrong track, doing much damage to the morning train that was lying on that track. No person was hurt.

A PERSEVERING THIEF.—A negro woman was committed to jail at Charleston, Va., about ten days ago, charged with stealing a feather bed from Mr. Thomas Parker. The Spirit of Jefferson states that on Saturday night last she managed to escape from the jail, and at once made her way to Mr. Parker's and stole the identical bed from the room in which it was used, and after tearing and cutting the tick into fragments, threw the feathers and all into a sink on the premises, when she returned again to the jail and demanded admittance as a fugitive from justice.

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Sixth Lecture of Dr. Baird.
EUROPE AS IT IS.—The subject of Dr. Baird's lecture on Monday evening at the Smithsonian Institution, was Spain and Portugal. Owing to the inclemency of the weather and the lecture not having been advertised much in the papers, the attendance was rather thin; but those who were present listened throughout with marked attention.

The Doctor commenced by pointing out on the map places of interest in London—St. James, Regent, Hyde, and Kensington Parks, Westminster Abbey, the New Parliament Houses, the spot where Sir Robert Peel was thrown from his horse, and where a statue was erected to his memory, the Tower of London, built for defence against the Danes, Zoological Gardens, Thames Tunnel, built at immense expense and with great difficulty, St. Paul's Church which was in the centre of London, and within the radius of ten miles of which there were nearly three millions of people—a number that would probably increase at the end of this century to five millions.

The appearance of the Thames was described. The vast amount of shipping upon it being particularly alluded to moving to and fro in every direction, and indicative of the immense trade of London. The best way for a traveller who wishes to get a full view of the city, is to enter it by the way of the Thames.

Spain and Portugal—the general aspect of these countries, institutions, commerce, mineral wealth, productions of the soil, the people—their character, language, and general appearance, habits, customs, and peculiarities, their religion and government—were all briefly touched upon.

These two countries are geographically united, and ought to be in government.—They are divided by five ranges of mountains, with four large plains or valleys between, watered by many rivers, of which the Tagus, Duero, Guadiana, and Guadalquivir are the principal. Spain is one of the most beautiful countries in Europe, with a salubrious climate, and was formerly inhabited by a race of people of far more enterprise than those at present living in it; and contained many more people than now. The people are a mixed race, and number in both countries about 20,000,000. They are a bold, proud race, devoid of industry, delighting in blood shed, faithless, jealous, and vindictive. The peasants compose the true nobility of Spain. The Biscayans, on the Bay of Biscay, are a bold and brave people, and differ in language and manners from those who live in the low country. There are 50,000 Gypsies, whose language and habits are peculiar.

The commerce of Spain and Portugal is small—partly owing to the prohibitory tariff, which gives employment to a large class of professional smugglers, who are very adroit in their business, concealing the goods about their person when carrying them from one point to another. Large quantities of wine are annually exported from Spain, and conveyed through the country put up in the skin of hogs.

There are many robber's in Spain, who rove through country committing depredations upon the unarmed traveller. They are, however, a very gentlemanly set, and do not interfere with the person of the traveller if he should happen to have \$30 or \$40 in money to give them. And without that amount the Doctor said it was not safe to travel. Sometimes a man may travel in Spain with impunity by paying a large amount to some robber chief beforehand, who gives notice to the other robbers to allow the traveller to pass free from molestation. This is honor among thieves.

The belles of Spain are well dressed, easy and graceful in their carriage, elegant and refined in their manners, and many of them handsome in person. In the cities they can walk the streets even late at night without fear of molestation, and if perchance the imprudent gaze of a stranger should rest upon them they simply raise the fan which they always carry, and this affords sufficient protection.

The lecture was exceedingly interesting and occupied over an hour and a-half in the delivery. The next lecture will be on Friday evening. Subject: Italy.

HEAVY LOSS.—Large quantities of hogs, slaughtered in Columbus and Cleveland, Ohio, and shipped to New York by railroad, have been entirely spoiled by warm weather. Twenty-eight car loads in one train became so putrid, that the stench was an intolerable nuisance to the villages they had to pass through.—*Cin. Gaz. Dec. 21.*

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DIED.
 This morning at 5 o'clock, GREENVILLE WINTEROP, son of Geo. K. and Catharine Hooper, aged fourteen months.

His funeral will take place at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning, from the residence of his father, on D, between 14th and 15th streets, when the friends and acquaintances of the family are invited to attend.

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